# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# DEFENCE
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2498
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FIRING RANGE AT TOSAMAIDAN MEADOWS
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether explosion of a littered shell has resulted in casualties / injuries of civilian living around Tosamaidan meadows in Central Kashmir, being used by the Army as a firing range;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any representation for shifting of the said firing range from the area; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government thereon?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) & (b): In an incident due to littered shell at Tosamaidan meadows in Central Kashmir on 16th July 2014, one resident of Village Charhara Berwa died and three others sustained minor injuries. No firing by the Army has taken place at Tosamaidan meadows since 15th November 2013. Unauthorised persons are prohibited to enter the Impact Area and Sign boards and notices to the effect are prominently displayed.

(c) & (d): The notification of any Field Firing Range or its shifting are subject matter of the State Government.